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1. ON JUNE 27 EMBOFF ASKED DEPFONAFF DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS KALONDJI WHETHER SIMBANANIYE VISIT HAD OPENED PERSPECTIVE FOR PEACE IN BURUNDI. KALONDJI SAID HE DOUBTED WHETHER THERE WAS MUCH ZAIRE COULD DO TO HELP FOR TIME BEING ALTHOUGH GOZ ACCEPTS VIEW OF SEVERAL FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS THAT IT IS IN BETTER POSITION THAN OTHERS TO INFLUENCE MICOMBERO REGIME. HE OBSERVED THAT BURUNDI TUTSIS ARE AT PRESENT TOO UP TIGHT TO HEED ANYBODY'S ADMONITIONS. MORE-OVER, IT APPEARED UNLIKELY THAT OAU CAN PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN SUCH DELICATE AND CONTROVERSIAL MATTER.

2. KALONDJI SAID HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT LONG TERM SOLUTION FOR BURUNDI MUST INEVITABLY INVOLVE GRADUAL DEMOCRATIZATION WITH GUARANTEES FOR TUTSI MINORITY. PROCESS WOULD BE TRICKY SINCE MASSACRE OF TUTSIS ALWAYS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. HE CONCLUDED SAYING GOZ GIVING GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION
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TO BURUNDI SITUATION, AND HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT MOBUTU
WOULD UNDERTAKE PERSONAL DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE WHEN
CIRCUMSTANCES PROPITIOUS.
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